

## General Information

The Schindler/Schmidt Conservation Area is a 123 acre parcel of land on the east side of Sugar Hill Road in the north central section of Tolland. The land was purchased in 2007 with assistance from a grant from the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition program administered by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The property lies in both the Skungamaug River and Shenipsit Lake Watershed. It is located in the headwaters to Charter Marsh, an important State Wildlife Management Area that in turn flows the Skungamaug River.

The property contains a number of valuable resources including a mature interior Oak-Hickory upland forest that has not been logged in over 90 years. Two unique bogs provide an opportunity to view sundews and pitcher plants in their natural habitat. Historically, cranberries were cultivated in the bog area in the 1800s.

## Wildlife Information

The dense forest with bogs, caves, and rocky outcrops is suitable for amphibians, hawks, woodcocks, foxes, bobcats, and bears. Recent observations confirmed the presence of bears, fishers and nesting owls.

## Stewardship

The maintenance of our open space parcels is everyone's responsibility. The town has designated that the Conservation Commission develop a stewardship plan for each parcel. Once the plans are approved, the Tolland Conservation Corps provides volunteers to work on the property. The trails, bridges, and parking areas are maintained by a dedicated group of Tolland residents who make up the Conservation Corps. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 871-3601.

## Tolland's Conservation Areas and Hiking Trails:

### **Schindler-Schmidt Open Space Conservation Area**

344 Sugar Hill Road

### **Shafran Conservation Area**

104 Eaton Road

### **Weigold Open Space Conservation Area**

256 Weigold Road

### **Campbell's Peaceful Valley Conservation Area**

215 Hunter Road

### **Stoppeworth Conservation Area**

359 Hunter Road

## PLEASE...

- No Motorized Vehicles of Any Kind
- Stay on Marked Trails and Roads
- Do Not Disturb Vegetation or Wildlife
- Setting of Any Fires is Prohibited
- Hunting or Firearms are Not Allowed
- Carry Out What You Carry In
- Respect the Rights of Other Visitors
- Area Closes At Sunset

Conservation Areas have been purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.



# Trail Map and Information Guide

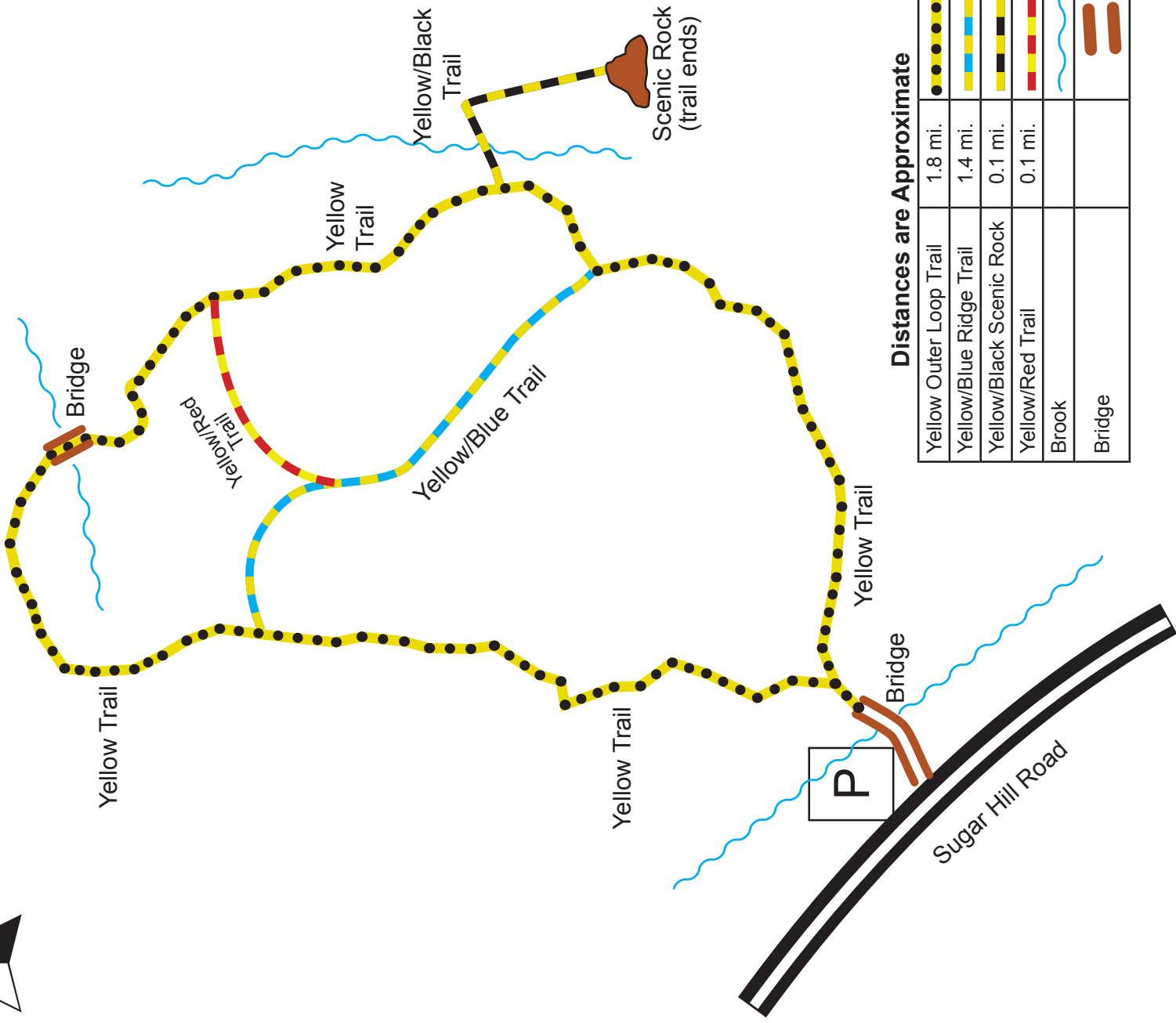


**Schindler-Schmidt Open Space Conservation Area**  
**344 Sugar Hill Road**  
**Tolland, Connecticut**





TOWN OF TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT  
 Schindler-Schmidt Open Space Conservation Area  
 344 Sugar Hill Road  
 Trail Map



**NOTE: Orange Blazes mark boundaries  
 and are **NOT TRAILS!****



**Distances are Approximate**

	1.8 mi.
	1.4 mi.
	0.1 mi.
	0.1 mi.
